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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer (T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Punishment of "withholding of 1% (one percent) of pension for a period of (2) years", against the Charged Officer - Imposed - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.32 **Dated:01.06.2023**

Read the following:

1)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.19633/2016/A&DC-2, dated 24.12.2021.
2)Memo.No.2649/Sec.IV/A1/2021, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 10.05.2022.
3)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.19633/2016/A&DC-2, dated 23.09.2022.
4)From Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, DFO (Retd.), formerly Sub-DFO, Koyyalagudem, further defense statement, dated 03.10.2022.
5)Letter.No.2649/Sec.IV/A1/2021, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 04.11.2022.
6)From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/37/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.2026279), dated 19.05.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has informed that the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer (T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle by the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur in Ref.No.19633/2016/Vig-1, dated 28.12.2017, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC& A) Rules, 1991:-

Article-I:''That the said Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Srikakulam and the then Divisional Forest Officer(T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle had borrowed money from Sri Boddu Appa Rao of Vizianagaram of Rs.1,00,000/- and Sri Yellapu Balasubrahmanyam of Visakhapatnam of Rs.2,00,000/- and not returned the amount despite being pursued regularly. Hence the charge".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of the Article of Charge on 20.01.2018 and submitted his written defence statement on 04.04.2018. The PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur appointed the Chief conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.19633/2016/Vig-1 (i&ii), dated 29.03.2018, for conducting the regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings along with connected case record in Rc.No.4491/2016/M8, dated 12.11.2020, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charge levelled against the Charged Officer is held **proved** beyond any doubt.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Ref.No.19633/2016/A&DC-2, dated 20.12.2020, for submission of further

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defence. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of the Final Notice on 01.02.2021 but did not submit his further defence statement.

5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2020.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a punishment of "withholding of one percent (1%) of pension for a period of two (2) years", against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer (T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Memo., 2nd read above, a Show-cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Show-cause Notice on 11.09.2022 and submitted his defense statement vide reference 4th read above wherein, he did not submit any new/valid points.

7. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, in the letter 6th read above, has stated that the Commission agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a punishment of "withholding of 1% (one percent) of pension for a period of (2) two years", against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer (T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle.

8. After careful examination of the entire issue, the Government hereby order to impose a punishment of "withholding of one percent (1%) of pension for a period of two (2) years", against Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retd.), earlier Divisional Forest Officer (T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle, under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Dhananjaya Rao, Assistant Conservator of Forests (Retired), earlier Divisional Forest Officer (T), Visakhapatnam of Visakhapatnam Circle through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Mangalagiri
(with original record i.e., Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle File No.4491/2016/M8, containing CF–424 Pages and NF-18 Pages)

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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to M (Energy, EFS&T, Mines&Geology).
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.
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